



# United States Capitol Visitor Center

## Weekly Construction Summary



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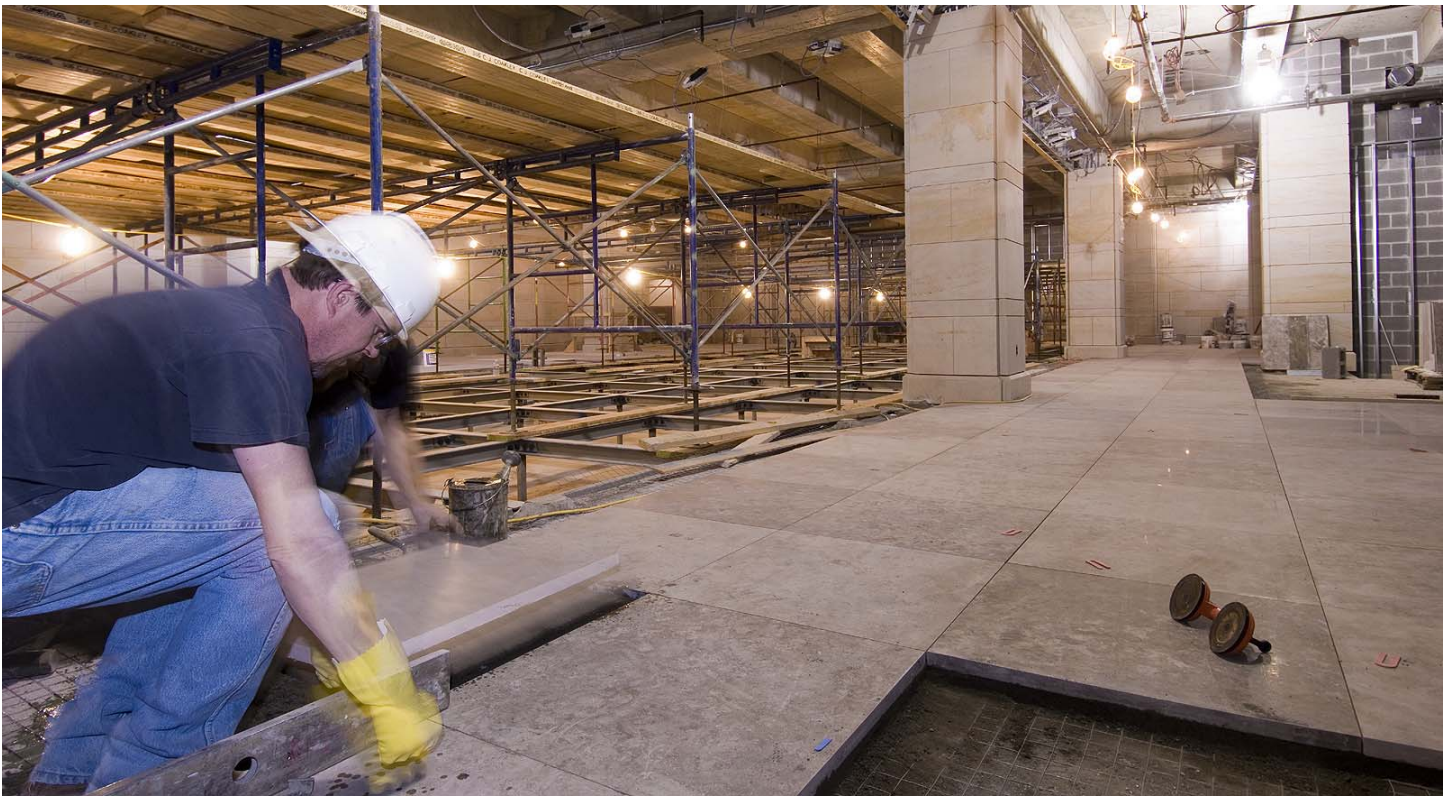
Tulip Poplar trees now line the north and south sides of the Congressional Auditorium and already frame views of the Capitol Dome.

### **This Week – Ongoing Work – 5/1/06 through 5/5/06**

#### **CVC and East Front Plaza:**

- Masons have completed setting 900-lb. blocks of stone around the interior perimeter of the skylight at the south end of the Great Hall. Installation of the south skylight is expected to begin this week. Masons are now setting sand-stone blocks around the north skylight perimeter.
- Ceiling inspections are complete in the Great Hall and drywall installation is expected to begin this week.
- Masons continue setting base stone and wall stone in the two lower levels and the Carriageway within the East Front transition zone.
- Masons continue setting floor stones on both the east and west sides of the Exhibition Hall. Crews will complete assembling the scaffolding above the floor framework in the center zone of the Exhibition Hall. Drywall installation is expected to begin this week.
- Landscape crews have completed planting 14 Tulip Poplar trees along the north and south stepped walkways leading to the CVC entrance from First Street NE (see photo above).
- Masons have completed the major portion of granite paver installation on the CVC roof deck.
- Inside the House and Senate Expansion Space, the majority of framework is complete on all three levels in both spaces. Wall and ceiling “close-in” inspections for all of the mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and fire safety systems are ongoing.
- Contractors are now priming and painting many areas within the expansion spaces.
- Demolition of a beam inside the East Front at the Rotunda level is complete clearing the way for framework to begin in this area.
- The installation of wall stone is essentially complete in the CVC’s Great Hall, Orientation Theaters, Exhibit Hall, Food Service Areas, Visitor Entrance Lobby and Theater Lobby. The CVC includes nearly 52,000 pieces of wall stone.





**A mason sets floor stone along the west side of the CVC Exhibition Hall. Drywall installation on the ceiling will begin in the next two weeks.**

### **East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel**

- A 10-inch concrete slab is complete along East Capitol Street and at the intersection of First Street over the CVC utility tunnel. Crews have completed removal of a temporary bridge over First Street. It is expected that new asphalt will be placed on top of the concrete later in May and the street will open to traffic soon thereafter, pending the completion of the street striping plan.
- Insulators and electricians continue working throughout the length of the tunnel and water lines are now being filled to prepare for “flushing” of lines and follow-on testing.

## **Next Week – 5/8/06 – 5/12/06**

### **CVC, East Front Plaza Work, East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel**

- Drywall installation will continue on the ceiling framework in the Great Hall.
- Floor stone installation will continue along the east and west sides of the Exhibition Hall. Drywall installation may begin along the center zone of the Exhibition Hall where scaffolding has been erected.
- Crews will continue to install ductwork and piping for all heating, cooling, supply, waste water, fire protection, and electrical systems; build mechanical spaces, install cable trays, and install finish stone in areas on the upper and lower levels of the facility.
- Installation of wall stone will continue inside the East Front transition zone.
- Crews will continue installing mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, metal stud walls, drywall and ductwork, and continue paint priming in various zones throughout the House and Senate Expansion Space. Stone installation will continue in the stairwell atrium on the House side and layout will continue in the Senate stairwell atrium. Wall and ceiling close-in inspections continue throughout both expansion spaces.
- Street restoration activities will continue to prepare East Capitol Street for paving, expected later in May. Crews will continue setting bricks along both the north and south curb lines.



**A worker waters new grass on the Senate Plaza.**

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